## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## the City Of Augusto

## **Proclamation**

IN RECOGNITION of "Child Abuse Prevention Month"

WHEREAS, thousands of Georgia's children are abused and neglected each year; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect ruin children's lives, destroy families, and contribute to serious societal problems, including juvenile delinquency and teen pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse Georgia is committed to preventing child maltreatment and promoting positive parenting; and

WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse Augusta and its parent organization, Prevent Child Abuse Georgia, are hosting public awareness events throughout Georgia during April to coincide with national Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2004 as "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all citizens to protect Georgia's children and help prevent child abuse and neglect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2004.

Mayor